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Identical letters dated 6 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 15 to 31 March 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 31 March 2009

Air violations

On 16 March 2009, between 0940 and 0941 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft flew at high altitude over the Ra's al-Naqurah area.

On 17 March 2009:

- Between 0930 and 1100 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and heading north as far as Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 0950 and 1030 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Batrun and heading east as far as the Baalbek-Hirmil area. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 18 March 2009:

- Between 0624 and 1433 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, Beirut and the Bekaa before leaving over Kafr Killa;
- Between 1347 and 1353 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Byblos (Jubayl) and heading north. They left over the sea off Tripoli, heading in the direction of Turkey;
- Between 1348 and 1412 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Tyre and heading east. They circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 19 March 2009:

- Between 0657 and 1550 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 1620 and 1821 hours, and then again between 1920 and 1921 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft flew at high altitude over the Sixth Brigade sector (western sector, south of the Litani).

On 22 March 2009:

- Between 0940 and 1000 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Shikka. They circled over Shikka, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving over the sea off Naqurah;
- Between 0905 and 1625 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 26 March 2009, between 0945 and 1015 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the Shab'a Farms. They circled between Beirut and the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 29 March 2009, between 1213 and 2310 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled between Riyaq and Baalbek and over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 30 March 2009:

- Between 0650 and 1910 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled between Beirut and the South and over the Western Bekaa, Dahr al-Baydar, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving over Naqurah;

- Between 1000 and 1100 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 31 March 2009, sixteen Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace as follows: at 0940 hours, six warplanes entered over Naqurah and proceeded as far as Qulay'at; at 0943 hours, two warplanes entered over Rumaysh and headed north; at 0945 hours, two warplanes entered over the sea off Byblos (Jubayl) and headed east; at 0947 hours, two warplanes entered over the sea off Juniyah and headed east; at 1048 hours, two warplanes entered over the sea off Kafr Killa and headed north as far as Tripoli; and at 1109 hours, two warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Tyre. The warplanes circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Al-Arz and Shikka before leaving as follows: at 1008 hours, six warplanes left over the sea off Naqurah; at 1037 hours, two warplanes left over Naqurah and four others over the sea off Naqurah; at 1100 hours, two warplanes left over the sea off Tripoli, heading towards Turkey; and at 1115 hours, two warplanes left over Alma al-Sha'b.

On that same date, between 0720 and 1955 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South and Beirut before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

Sea violations

On 16 March 2009, at 2130 hours, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for three seconds towards the line of buoys, to a distance of 300 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters. The enemy repeated the exercise for three seconds at 2220 hours, directing the searchlight from the same position towards buoy No. 7, to a distance of 500 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters.

On 18 March 2009:

- At 1935 hours, from its position off Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy fired 12 tracer rounds, six of which fell into Palestinian territorial waters and the other six into Lebanese territorial waters;

- At 2025 hours, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for two seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters, to a distance of 200 metres north of buoy No. 2.

On 22 March 2009:

- At 2100 hours, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for 10 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters, to a distance of 600 metres north of buoy No. 7;
- At 2115 hours, and then again at 2120 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat directed a searchlight for 10 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters, to a distance of 600 metres north of buoy No. 2.

On 26 March 2009, at 2110 hours, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for four seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters, to a distance of 400 metres north of buoy No. 3.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 15 March 2009, at 1245 hours, on the outskirts of Mays al-Jabal, on the Palestinian-Lebanese border near point BP30, four Israeli civilians used a pump to pump water from inside the Occupied Palestinian Territory towards Lebanese territory. At 1350 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles removed the pump; a Lebanese Army patrol was present on the Lebanese side of the border as it was being removed.

On 17 March 2009, at 0844 hours, on the outskirts of Mays al-Jabal, on the Palestinian-Lebanese border near point BP30, the Israeli enemy used a pump to pump water from inside the Occupied Palestinian Territory towards Lebanese territory. The Israeli enemy removed the pump at 1015 hours, only to reinstall it at 1100 hours. A Lebanese Army patrol equipped with a bulldozer arrived at the location in order to prevent the enemy from pumping water towards Lebanese territory. However, the enemy did not pump any water and removed the pump at 1230 hours.

On 18 March 2009, at 1025 hours, a Lebanese citizen presented himself at the Lebanese Army position in Kafr Killa and stated that an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles had stopped opposite border point BP85 (Fatima Gate), and that its crew had directed curses and insults towards some Lebanese citizens who were at the Wurud rest stop. The enemy patrol then continued on its way.

On 22 March 2009, at 2035 hours, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for 10 seconds from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah towards the Lebanese Army position at Ra's al-Naqurah. The enemy repeated the exercise for a period of six seconds at 2050 hours.

Israeli activities

On 21 March 2009, at 0600 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles stopped opposite the Wazzani resort. Ten persons wearing camouflage alighted and crossed the technical fence, heading towards the resort and assuming combat positions on the river bank. They then proceeded north to a distance of some 15 metres south of the pump, stopping before they had violated the Blue Line. They left at 0835 hours.

On 22 March 2009, at 1920 hours, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for seven seconds from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah towards the Lebanese Army position (Sixth Motorized Brigade) at Ra's al-Naqurah.

On 31 March 2009, at between 1600 and 1700 hours, from its Radar position inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy fired several bursts of light-weapons fire towards the perimeter of that position.